



THE ANAY, A WILD RELATIVE OF THE AVOCADO.

(*PERSEA SP.*, S. P. I. NO. 43433.)

An as yet undescribed species of *Persea* which is closely related to the cultivated avocado, occurring as a wild forest tree at an altitude of 1,200 feet in the rainy forest region of Guatemala. It is a tall, slender tree, attaining 70 to 80 feet in height, and is left as a shade tree in coffee plantations. Unlike the Mexican avocado, its leaves are not anise scented. It flowers in May, and its fruits ripen in August and September. In the development of the avocado industry this species may prove valuable for stock purposes in regions of heavy rainfall. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe at Mazatenango, Guatemala, September 23, 1916; P16797FS.)